4-1.3 **DECISION NO. D-19**

PROTOCOL FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW

Issue:

This protocol document, plus and required supplements, will serve as the primary resource for conducting environmental assessments and review at IHS Service Units. The information gathered from these assessments will be used to develop remediation projects or make policy decisions on compliance with environmental regulations. The material contained in this protocol document is based on federal environmental laws and regulations and Indian Health Service (IHS) administrative requirements and policy. This document emphasizes the requirement to review state, tribal, and local environmental regulations and to supplement this document of those regulations are more stringent.

Decision:

The United States Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, <u>Protocol For Environmental Assessment and Review, dated March 1995 (draft)</u>, will apply immediately at all IHS Service Units.

Reference:

This protocol document will be incorporated as Chapter 23-1.2, Part 23 of the TECHNICAL HANDBOOK FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND ENGINEERING by reference only. Copies of the draft chapter can be obtained from the Office of Environmental Health and Engineering, Division of Environmental Health.

Adopted by HFAC on February 14, 1996.

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